

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification paragraph at page 16, lines 17-23 to read as follows:

In the preferred method of the present invention, reagents are used in conjunction with or without heating the embedded biological samples. Suitable reagents may include, but are not limited to, de-ionized water, citrate buffer (pH 6.0-8.0), Tris-HCl buffer (pH 6-10), phosphate buffer (pH 6.0-8.0), SSC buffer, APK Wash™, acidic buffers or solutions (pH 1-6.9), basic buffers or solutions (pH 7.1-14) mineral oil, Norpar, canola oil, and PAG oil. Each of these reagents may also contain ionic or non-ionic surfactants such as Triton X-100 octylphenoxypolyethoxy (5) ethanol, Tween polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan, Brij polyoxyethylene (23) dodecyl ether, saponin and sodium dodecyl sulfate.